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To: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chairman
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From: Philip L. Browning
Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. Browning", is written over the printed name of Philip L. Browning.

NOTIFICATION TO EXTEND AND AMEND CONTRACTS FOR RESIDENTIALLY BASED SERVICES TO REMOVE THE TEN MONTH RATE DROP FROM THE RESIDENTIAL RATE

This is to notify the Board that I have used Board-delegated authority to execute the final one year renewal option to extend the contract term of three Residentially Based Services (RBS) contracts, and amended those contracts to remove the 10-month rate drop for RBS enrolled youth remaining in residential placement longer than ten months, effective December 2, 2013, through December 1, 2014, for the fourth and final year of the RBS Open Doors pilot.

On average, children enrolled in RBS remained in residential care for an average of 9.5 months. However, for a variety of reasons, a small percentage of our children have required residential care beyond 10-months. The decision for a child to remain in residential care does not rest solely with the RBS contractors but rather is made by the Interagency Screening Committee (comprised of representatives from DCFS, DMH, and Probation) and Child and Family Team, which includes the RBS contractor, County social worker, the child, family members, and other stakeholders. Additionally, counties participating in the RBS pilot will build on and expand current efforts already underway and that align with other state level initiatives that are being implemented. Lastly, the pilot project will provide counties increased flexibility and resources to target subpopulations with specific services in order to better address their trauma related or specialized mental health needs.

As a result, DCFS submitted a request to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to amend the RBS pilot (Memorandum of Understanding [MOU]) and the RBS contractors' RBS Rate Letters to remove the 10-month reduction in the RBS residential rate effective December 2, 2013, for the final one-year period of the RBS pilot ending December 1, 2014. Subsequently, CDSS notified each of the three RBS Contractors of the elimination of the 10-month rate drop and their amended RBS residential rate via a rate notification letter dated November 6, 2013. DCFS was also notified via email on November 25, 2013, that the amended RBS pilot MOU will be finalized in approximately two weeks.

The estimated cost of the extension for the RBS contracts is \$8,067,956, financed with \$1,272,336 from the Multi-County Agency Pool, and \$6,795,620 financed with 36 percent (\$2,446,423) Federal revenue, 33 percent (\$2,242,555) State revenue, and 31 percent (\$2,06,642) net County cost.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me or your staff may contact Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, at (213) 351-5530.

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